

CROGER'S CLOSE CALL

Just Escaped in Time from His Burning Country Home.

Family Plate, Jewels and Paintings Destroyed.

No Firemen at Bayville—His Loss Over \$200,000.

The handsome country residence of Col. S. V. R. Cruger, at Bayville, L. I., was completely destroyed by fire at 7 o'clock this morning, entailing a loss of over \$200,000. The fire originated from the grate in Col. Cruger's sleeping apartment.

He awoke in the room in flames, and had great difficulty in escaping with his life.

There is no fire department at Bayville. A messenger was sent for the Glen Cove Department, but the distance between the two places is so great that the firemen did not attempt to cover it.

Col. Cruger's residence was in many respects an ideal country abode, and one of the most complete in America. It commanded a magnificent view of Long Island Sound, and was situated on a bluff some sixty feet above the water line.

The house was erected simply with a view of comfort. It was about 20 feet high, with a frontage of 20 feet, and was fifty feet deep. It stood in the center of a tract of land of sixty acres, surrounded by trees.

The house was of the Doric style of architecture. The main entrance led into a spacious hall, which ran the entire depth of the house. In the center was a large fountain, the water of which was on the right. On the left was the concert and ball room.

Most of the family paintings were there, and all were destroyed. They included portraits of Mayor Cruger and William Livingston, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The family plate, jewelry and furniture, together with Col. Cruger's collection of curios and relics, were all destroyed.

JUMPED TO ESCAPE FIRE.

A Woman Killed at a Blaze in Newark.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—Fire broke out at noon today in the three-story frame building at the corner of South Orange and Broome streets, this city.

Lena Tass, twenty-eight years old, went to the window on the third floor and jumped to the ground. She was picked up insensible and was removed to the German Hospital.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

JACKSON ACCUSED OF FRAUD.

Arrested in Worcester, Mass., on Complaint of Steiner & Bros.

Supt. Fynes has received information of the arrest in Worcester, Mass., of Julius Jackson, who is charged by Joseph Steiner & Bros., fur dealers, of 81 Mercer street, with fraud.

Jackson and his brother, Moritz, were in the fur business at 27 Mercer street, and the former is charged with removing goods that had been attached by the complainants to secure a debt of \$12,750.

It is alleged that after the attachment was obtained the Jacksons represented that they would settle with Steiner & Bros. and give them many thousands of dollars of the Hebrew New Year, which began the next day.

It is claimed that they then took advantage of an extension of time to remove the goods.

HE WANTS \$25,000 DAMAGES.

Marino Says He Was Maltreated in His Own Store.

An action has been brought in the Supreme Court by R. G. Marino, who does business in Fourteenth avenue, Newark, to recover \$25,000 damages from E. Paladino, Herman Copello, Adolph Cohen and Felix Maffei.

The addresses of the defendants do not appear. As they were not in court to defend the action, Judge Ingraham appointed a Sheriff's jury to ascertain what damages Marino is entitled to.

Marino alleged that on the last night, while he was in his place of business, the defendants entered and struck him in the face, and threatened his life until he opened the safe. Then they took everything of value and departed.

He says he would not have opened the safe, but that he was in fear of his life.

EXPRESS COMPANY ROBBED.

Fort Scott Thief Takes Advantage of a Messenger's Absence.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 14.—The Pacific Express Company room at the Missouri Pacific Depot in this city was entered while the messenger was absent for a few minutes, and between \$500 and \$1,000 taken.

As the robbers took the way bills it is impossible to learn the exact amount.

SIBERIAN EXILE A BURGLAR.

Arrested in San Francisco for Breaking into a House.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Stanislav Voinakovsky, one of the Siberian exiles who escaped in an open boat from Sogdiana, and was brought here by a whaler, has been arrested for burglary. In company with another Russian, he broke into a house, and was caught in the act.

A VETERAN OF THE STAGE.

Charles R. Thorne Dies in San Francisco at Four Score.

A despatch from San Francisco today tells of the death of Charles R. Thorne, the veteran actor and manager. Mr. Thorne was eighty years old, and made his first appearance on the stage in this city, where he was born, in 1830.

He was the father of Charles R. Thorne, Jr., the talented actor, who succeeded him in the Union Square Theatre, and his untimely death was within recent memory. Edwin F. Thorne and William Thorne.

Mr. Thorne was twice married, the second time in 1885 and since the latter date he has made his home in San Francisco. During his theatrical career he had acted in the Union Square Theatre, in the world, including Australia, India, China and South America.

Want City Contracts Abolished.

The Irish Federation, in Brooklyn, has requested all labor unions to unite in asking the Legislature to pass an act requiring that all public work be done by day's labor, instead of contract.

Johnstown Money for Waltham.

(By Associated Press.)

WALTHAM, Mass., Dec. 14.—The subscribers to the fund raised for the relief of the Johnstown flood sufferers last night decided that the sum of \$1,250 remaining of the fund should be given to the poor of this city.

RICHARD THE CAVESDROPPER. HIS WIFE PROVED FALSE.

He Tells What He Overheard at the Gaul Card Party.

Little Madge Irene Takes Notes of the Shameful Testimony.

Robert J. Gaul, who is trying to get possession of his two-year-old daughter Madge Irene Gaul, took the stand again today in the proceedings before Referee James J. Neale.

Little Madge occasionally interrupted the cross-examination of her father by her pretty prattle. The child begged a sheet of paper and a pencil from one of the reporters and jotted down the testimony in her own way, repeating each sentence with startling distinctness.

Lawyer Maurice Meyer drew from the father what he played the cards with money, which he received as presents from the guests on board William F. McLean's yacht, of which Gaul was steward.

All the money he received as wages he gave to his wife, and sometimes he turned over to her his winnings—when he won.

The husband was firm in the repetition of his testimony of yesterday, when he told how on the evening of Dec. 2, he discovered his wife in a compromising position with his cousin, Harry Hayward, after an absence from the room of about forty seconds.

A telegram was produced by counsel sent by Robert to Hayward on Dec. 6 last, which read: "Come up. Alice must be left alone. She is alone."

It was to show that Gaul had condoned his wife's alleged indiscretion of Dec. 2.

Richard Templeton Gaul, Robert's brother, then took the stand.

Under cross-examination by Lawyer Leonard, Mr. Gaul, counsel, swore that his sister-in-law had admitted to him that she had been in a compromising position with Hayward, and begged "Dick" to interfere for her.

Richard also swore that Mrs. Gaul was not to indulge too freely in intoxicating beverages, and that he had twice seen her "reezing."

On the night of July 25, 1933, Richard was at the party at his brother Robert's flat in Eighty-seventh street. Mr. and Mrs. Limmer, their two-year-old son, Harry, and Richard were not there. Brother Robert was not there.

The whole party remained in the Gauls' flat all night, except Mrs. Gaul and Hayward.

According to Richard, went into a Mr. Kemp's flat across the hall in pretense of making room for the others. Hayward, Richard swore, ostensibly to go home. The brother-in-law was aroused, however, and he listened to the door of Mr. Kemp's flat after everybody had gone to bed.

He heard Mrs. Gaul talking and also recognized Hayward's voice, which he knew very well. Baby Madge was also with her mother.

Next night the card party was continuing at the same place, and Richard, everybody retired. Mr. Limmer was not there that night.

Mr. Gaul again went to Mr. Kemp's flat to sleep. Richard repeated his story, and again heard Hayward's voice, which he knew very well. Baby Madge was also with her mother.

There was much squabbling between counsel and Referee Neale as to the admission of evidence to show that Hayward was the son of a "jail-bird," which statement the witness found breath to utter.

The testimony was all in by noon, and he will be submitted to Judge Ingraham for his decision.

After the examination before the referee was over, Lawyer Meyer applied to the referee for evidence to show that the writ of habeas corpus under which the baby was produced in court until the evidence was taken from its mother last night.

In granting this the Court intimated that it would not be wise in the face of the evidence to take the child from its mother just now.

Decision will be rendered next Saturday.

LEAH'S LOVER SENT TO JAIL.

Breach of Promise Suit Delayed by His Obstinacy.

The trial of the breach of promise suit brought by Leah Cohen against Joseph Becker for \$500 damages was brought to a sudden termination by Justice Ehrlich, of the City Court, today.

When Becker was put on the stand to deny the charges, he refused to stand to marry Leah, and said he was willing to marry her, but he was not willing to marry her.

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LUCIEN DECAEN D'AUDIFFRET OBTAINS A DIVORCE.

The Decree Granted on the Statutory Ground.

Judge Bischoff, of the Court of Common Pleas, today granted Lucien Decaen d'Audiffret a decree of absolute divorce from his wife, Louisa, upon the report of a referee who heard the case.

The exact identity of the parties to the suit is not mentioned in the papers, but from their various places of residence it is evident that they are wealthy people.

The couple were married in Paris, France, April 14, 1877, the wife's maiden name being Courages, and lived together until September 15, 1933, when the husband was at 12 West Twenty-ninth street, where the wife still resides, while last summer they occupied a cottage at Normandie-by-the-Sea.

There they were married, and Mrs. Decaen d'Audiffret went to live, paying her bills until he discovered, as sworn to before the referee, that she had been intimate with a man named Graef.

It alleged that she was guilty of improper conduct with Graef at the Hotel Savoy during October last, where the couple resided, and that she had been intimate with a man named Graef.

The wife was represented by counsel before the referee, and she had been intimate with a man named Graef.

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AT McPARTLAND & O'FLAHERTY'S,

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SCOTT'S complete, 12 vols. \$1.98. PRESOTT'S WORKS, a set, Mexico, Peru, Ferdinand and Isabella. 89c.

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ART EMBROIDERIES. DOUBLE HEAD RESTS, very pretty. 19c. JAPANESE SCREENS, 6 feet by 6 feet, 3-fold, black, embroidered in gold. \$2.98.

UMBRELLAS. Good GLORIA SILK UMBRELLAS, 25 and 28 in. Paragon frames, new styles of handles. \$1.39.

VERY FINE SILK UMBRELLAS. \$1.98.

OPEN EVENINGS.

McPARTLAND & O'FLAHERTY, 8th Ave., Bet. 40th and 41st Sts.

SAVED FROM STARVATION. RETRENCHMENT IN ARMORIES.

"Evening World's" Appeal Brings Aid to the Jordan Family.

Little Martha Buried—Food, Medicine and Money Sent.

It was with a lighter heart and a renewed feeling of hope that John Jordan, of 29 Knickerbocker avenue, left his home this morning to resume his search for work.

The awful sufferings and more than distressing condition of his family, was told yesterday in "The Evening World," and its appeal went home to many sympathetic hearts.

Martha, the beautiful little three-year-old daughter, who died on Sunday, was given a decent burial by Undertaker Brophy, of 57 Grand street, in Calvary Cemetery yesterday. The other two children, who were very sick with scarlet fever, are now pronounced out of danger, and food and clothing in quantities have been sent to the house by kind and sympathetic neighbors.

The estate is estimated to be worth \$2,000.

TURNED HIS FAMILY OUT.

When Mrs. Yekens Interfered Hoffmann Beat Her, Too.

Hugo Hoffmann, a machinist, of 221 South Third street, was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, today, on two charges of assault, on complaint of Mrs. Hoffmann and her co-tenant, Margaret Yekens.

It is alleged that the other night Hoffmann beat and choked his wife and finally drove her and their three children into the street, compelling them to pass the night in a station-house.

Mrs. Yekens says that when she protested Hoffmann knocked her down and jumped on her, and would probably have killed her had it not been for the interference of neighbors.

SUICIDE WAS MRS. CPFLAUS.

Quarrelled with Her Husband and Then Drowned Herself.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—The body of the woman who committed suicide last Sunday was identified as that of Mrs. Mary C. Cplaus, a saloon-keeper on Fifteenth avenue, this city.

The body was identified by the husband and was found in the Hudson River, near the foot of 4th street, on Sunday.

The couple had lived together for twenty-seven years, but had no family.

Sunday Mrs. Cplaus suffered from neurasthenia, and after a slight quarrel with her husband, who had committed suicide by jumping into the Passaic River at Hackensack, she was found hanging from a tree over her eyes and walked into the river.

DROVE THEM INTO THE STREET.

James Hunt, Just Out of Jail, Abuses His Wife and Family.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—James Hunt, a leather worker, forty-eight years old, was released Monday last from jail where he had been for fifteen days for drunkenness. He went on a spree Tuesday and last night went to his home at 28 Warren street, and turned his wife and two children into the street.

They were found about the streets almost frozen to death by Police. Hunt, who was arrested and taken back home, was again sent to jail this morning for drunkenness.

POLICEMAN NO. 1 DEAD.

James J. O'Connor was the Third Officer So Designated.

James J. O'Connor, policeman No. 1, died last night of consumption at his home at 14 East One Hundred and thirty-fourth street.

He was appointed to the force in 1879, and was a most honorable record. He was attached to the Mulberry street station up to six months ago, when he was transferred to the 42d slip station.

Railroad Man Accused of Forgery.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Col. George J. Rice, late contracting agent of the Southern Railroad in this city, and formerly in Savannah, Ga., was arrested yesterday on a charge of forging the names of prominent merchants to notes amounting to nearly \$1,000. His friends claim that his mind is unbalanced.

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THREE MURDERERS HANGED.

Angelo Zappe, Charles Luckey and Ralph Crossmore on the Gallows.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 14.—Angelo Zappe, convicted of the murder of Frank Heinster, was hanged at 10:55 o'clock this morning.

He stabbed and killed the latter during a quarrel on the Fourth of July last, in which a number of Italian families took part. His brother, Joseph, was convicted of the same crime, but his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Prominent Italians interested themselves in behalf of the brothers and formed committees in nearly all the localities of the country to aid in the defense. New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago contributed to the defense fund. The total amount raised was \$10,000.

SMITHVILLE, Pa., Dec. 14.—Ralph Crossmore, who murdered his mother at Farmer's Valley, Nov. 19, 1902, was hanged at 10:02. Fourteen minutes later he was pronounced dead.

LETTER CARRIER A SUICIDE.

Kloven Was Despondent and Drank Poison.

The suicide of John Kloven, a letter-carrier, twenty-seven years old, of 310 Halsey street, Brooklyn, was reported at the coroner's office this morning.

Kloven had been despondent and acting strangely for a week. Last night he went to the drug store of H. P. Annable, 35 Tompkins avenue, and purchased a bottle of cyanide. He then drank it.

After going home he mixed the poison with water and drank it. He then told his mother what he had done.